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## Task Force Schedules Planning Summit

Greenville, SC – Promoting coordinated infrastructure planning and increased intergovernmental cooperation are the aims behind the Bi-Annual Planning Summit., scheduled for **March 10, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., at the Palmetto Expo Center**. The meeting is sponsored by the “Greenville County Intergovernmental Task Force,” an informal committee composed of elected officials representing the Greenville County Schools, Greenville County and cities in Greenville County. Tommie Reece, Task Force chair and member of the School Board of Trustees said the Summit was one of the initiatives that emerged from discussion of Task Force members. Ms. Reece called for formation of the Task Force approximately two years ago.

According to Ms. Reece, “many of us have discussed the need for promoting a common understanding of infrastructure issues, particularly since Greenville County is growing and changing so rapidly.” The meeting is designed for elected officials and key staff members in Greenville County’s city and county governments as well as special purpose districts. Planning and economic development officials as well as private developers are also encouraged to attend.

Participants will hear presentations from several county-wide and regional public service providers, including the Greenville County Planning Commission, Greenville County Schools, S.C. Department of Transportation, Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority, Duke Energy, BellSouth and Piedmont Natural Gas, among others. According to Diane Smock, Task Force Member and Vice Mayor Pro-Tem for the City of Greenville, "If we communicate with each other at the planning stage, then the entire community will benefit from the results." Gathering local government elected and appointed officials together is expected to help the stage for future conversations on how local governments can improve cooperation. "When elected officials get together to discuss the community's future, opportunities for working together emerge," said Smock.

Registration for the Planning Summit is being coordinated through the City of Greenville. The only charge for participation is the \$12 cost of lunch. Officials who are interested in attending should call Lynda Von Hofe, City of Greenville, at 467-4489.

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